Sl.	States/UTs	Incidence
7.	Maharashtra	43
8.	Rajasthan	10
9.	Uttar Pradesh	1
10.	Chandigarh	2
	TOTAL	85

SOURCE : National Crime Records Bureau.
NOTE : Figures are provisional.

Murder of lover couples

†4604. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that young boys and girls doing love marriages with persons belonging to other religions and castes in the country are tortured in every way by the society as well as the police and in a number of incidents they are even murdered;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government for protection of such lover couples?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) A number of such incidents have been reported in the newspapers.

(b) and (c) Ministry does not maintain details of such incidents.

Removal of children suffering from AIDS from the school

4605. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Southern India two children suffering from AIDS were asked to leave school, inspite of the fact that parents of other children gave statements to the press of their awareness of the disease;

(b) if so, the role-played by the State Government in this matter and whether the State Government sought Centre's intervention;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the guilty are likely to be punished for spreading prejudice and inequality due to an illness; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to ensure that such an incident is not repeated anywhere else in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Two HIV positive children had to be withdrawn from a school in Kerala.

(b) The State Government tried to sensitize the local population to persuade the parents to let other children attend the school alongwith the HIV positive children. However, when the opposition of the parents threatened the continuation of the school itself, the State Government issued orders that a school would be started at the residence of the children, and they would be educated at home by willing teachers. This arrangement is continuing. The State Government did not seek the Centre's intervention.

(c) No punishable offence has been committed.

(d) The Government proposes to accelerate the awareness generation and advocacy efforts to sensitize opinion leaders, elected representatives and general public on the need to treat HIV positive people with compassion.

Zonal Advisory Committees for National Programmes on Disability

4606. SHRI B.J. PANDA :
MISS MABEL REBELLO :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rehabilitation Council of India propose to constitute seven Zonal Advisory Committees under the stewardship of NGOs to strengthen the reach of its National Programmes on Disability across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to constitute committees of experts in each zone to achieve the objectives; and

(d) if so, whether the experts would serve in voluntary capacity or otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Rehabilitation